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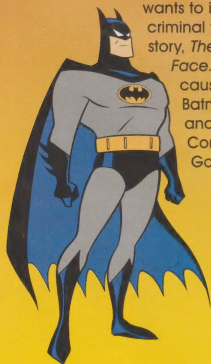
INTRODUCTION

Here is **I Love to Read Batman** once again and we have yet another great gift on this month's front cover—**BATMAN STICKERS!**

In *Stolen Identity*, this month's first exciting comic strip story, Clayface has had enough of Gotham City. He tries to leave town by stealing different people's identities. But his plan backfires and gets him into trouble he never dreamed of!

Wonder Woman returns in *Seeds of War*. Dangerous playground games cause concern for the Amazon Princess.

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IN

STOLEN IDENTITY

The alarm sirens began to wail at Blackgate maximum security prison. There had been a **breakout!**

WEEEOOOO LEEEOOOO EEEEOOOO!



The criminal known as **Clayface** was using his amazing talents to make his escape!



Night was falling, and Clayface needed to find a way to complete his escape from Gotham City.

THAT EMPTY CAB GIVES ME AN IDEA.

Clayface transformed himself into a typical cab driver. In moments, he was speeding away.

Clayface planned to get to the airport and fly to South America, where he could start a new life of crime...

HA! HA!
WHO'S GOING TO THINK TO STOP AN ORDINARY TAXI DRIVER LIKE ME?!

...far away from his old enemy!

BY THE TIME BATMAN FIGURES IT OUT, IT'LL BE LONG G—

HEY!
WHAT? GET OUT OF MY CAB!

PLEASE, MISTER! IT'S MY WIFE! SHE'S ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH!

YOU'VE GOT TO GET US TO THE HOSPITAL!

Clayface knew that if he threw the young couple out, it would draw attention to him. He put his foot down hard.



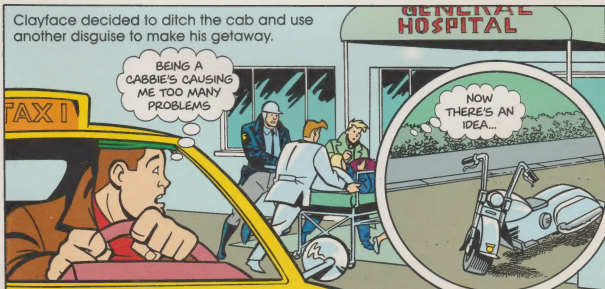
Clayface hoped to drop the couple off quickly, but his speeding didn't go unnoticed.



Clayface was nervous. One slip up and he'd be back in jail.



Clayface decided to ditch the cab and use another disguise to make his getaway.



In a flash, he became a policeman and raced off on the motorbike.

THIS IS MORE LIKE IT. WHO'S GOING TO STOP A COP?



COME ON, MEN! GET THAT BANK SURROUNDED BEFORE THE THIEVES INSIDE MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!

OH NO!

SCREEECCHH!



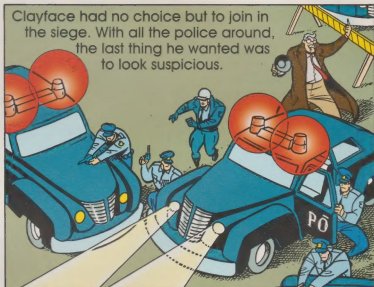
YOU TOO, PATROLMAN! GET IN POSITION NOW!

UH, OKAY...

Y-YES, SIR!



Clayface had no choice but to join in the siege. With all the police around, the last thing he wanted was to look suspicious.



It took over an hour to capture the bank raiders. By then, Clayface was desperate to escape.

I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE, OR I'LL END UP LIKE THEM.



Clayface noticed the people from the press who had arrived.

HMM!
MAYBE THAT'LL
WORK.



He wasted no time.

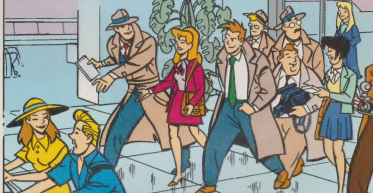


As he joined the press corp, Clayface overheard some of them talking about going to the airport to cover the departure of billionaire playboy Bruce Wayne. His private jet was taking him to South America.

PERFECT.



The press were everywhere when Clayface arrived at the airport. He was sure the activity would hide his escape attempt. All eyes would be elsewhere.

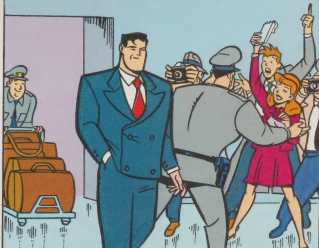


But inside, security was keeping the public and the press back.

THERE'S GOT TO
BE A WAY ONTO
WAYNE'S PLANE.
THINK! THINK!



Minutes later, **Bruce Wayne** strode through the security line.



One reporter managed to get a private interview with the billionaire.



But it was Clayface! He quickly tied Wayne up and took on his identity.



Clayface impersonated Bruce Wayne perfectly. No one would dare to delay such an important man. No one, that is, except...



...Batman!



Bruce had let himself be tied up by the villain. After Clayface had gone, Bruce had slipped out of the ropes and changed into Batman.



H-HOW DID YOU KNOW...

...I WASN'T THE REAL BRUCE WAYNE?

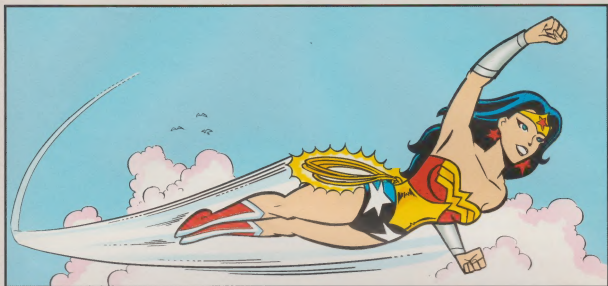
INSTINCT!



Wonder Woman prevents the sowing of...

Seeds of War

WONDER WOMAN created by William Moulton Marston.



High above Gateway City, in the bright morning sunshine, Wonder Woman flew through the air.

The Amazon Princess was worried. She was supposed to appear at Gateway Elementary School to speak to the children and she didn't want to be late. But there was something else bothering her—an uneasy feeling that something terrible was about to happen.

Suddenly she saw something on the street below: a pair of muggers were holding up a couple of tourists. Without hesitation, Wonder Woman arched into a powerdive like a hunting eagle and plunged towards the scene.

She was so swift, the muggers did not see the Amazon Princess coming. She quickly looped her lasso around them, and tied the criminals up together.

The tourists were overjoyed. Wonder Woman smiled reassuringly as the police arrived to take over. She knew she would

be late for her speech at the school, but it was a small price to pay for saving the tourists. However, she couldn't shake the feeling that something else was wrong.

Across town, at Gateway Elementary School, the children anxiously awaited their guest's arrival. Cameron was so excited to meet Wonder Woman, he didn't think he could wait much longer. But Wonder Woman was late, so the teachers let the children out into the playground until she arrived. Cameron went to join a group of boys who wanted to play football. But Christine, one of the girls, had the ball. She and the girls wanted to join in the game too. Cameron didn't know what to say.

As all this was happening, no one knew that they were being watched by an invisible and powerful being.

It was Ares, the ancient and cruel god of war. From the beginning of time, Ares has manipulated humans into



making war with each other. He gets his powers from hatred and fighting, so he tricks and lies to people, persuading them to hate one another.

Sensing an opportunity to create a conflict between the boys and girls, Ares decided to interfere. "The younger they are, the better they listen to my ways," he thought to himself.

He used his magical powers to become a vision which only the boys could see. They were discussing whether they should let the girls play. Ares appeared to them saying, "The girls aren't strong enough or smart enough to play football. Don't let them join in and ruin your fun." With his words, Ares had cast a spell over the boys and they could not resist agreeing with what he said. Cameron felt strange, but he nodded, and the other boys agreed. They wouldn't let the girls play. "Everyone knows girls aren't as strong as boys," Cameron said.

Then Ares appeared as a vision that only the girls could see. He told them, "The boys think girls are too weak to play football and don't want you to play with them. You're not going to let them

get away with it, are you?" The girls were enraged. Christine didn't understand how the boys could think that. Ares smiled at her and said, "Everyone knows boys aren't as smart as girls." Under Ares's spell, the girls agreed. After that, Ares sat back to watch what would happen next.

Cameron walked over to Christine and told her, "You can't play with us because everyone knows that girls can't play sports." He smiled smugly at her. "Go play on the swings or something," he said.

"Well, everyone knows boys are stupid. All they can do are dumb sports!" Christine replied, and threw the football at Cameron. He dodged aside but that was the trigger which started a fight between the boys and the girls.

When Wonder Woman arrived, she found the boys and girls had taken over the playground and the fighting was out of control. The Amazon Princess was amazed. She did not want any of the children to get hurt, so she encircled them all with her magic lasso. It calmed them down and made them see the truth about what was happening. The children realised that they had been tricked and Ares's spell was broken.

Listening to both sides of the story, Wonder Woman put the pieces together and realised what Ares had done. The muggers that morning had been part of Ares's plan too. He had wanted to delay her so he would have the time to work his spell on the children.

Wonder Woman spoke to the children directly and seriously. She explained, "Ares is a dangerous influence. If you give in to him, conflict breaks out. We

must all learn that differences do not make one side better or worse than the other. We can fight Ares by learning not to fight with each other.”

Suddenly, the clouds in the sky grew very dark and thunder rumbled from nearby. Looking up, everyone saw Ares appear over the playground. Lightning flashed all round him. He was bigger than the entire school, and filled the sky. Angry that his plans had been foiled, his red eyes burned with rage.

“If you won’t do as I say,” Ares boomed, his voice echoing across the playground, “I will destroy you all.” And with that, he cast an energy bolt at the playground with one hand. There was a flash and a huge ring of flames erupted out of the ground around the children. They were quickly surrounded by a wall of fire. Ares laughed menacingly as he disappeared into the stormy sky.

In the centre of the ring of fire was a jungle gym, and the children ran over to it to get away from the flames. That gave Wonder Woman an idea. She instructed all the children to climb on board the jungle gym.

“Hold on tight!” she said. Christine was scared, but did not want to cry and seem like a baby. Then she saw Cameron was scared too, and she knew then that everyone must be just as scared as she was. But they knew that

the Amazon Princess wouldn’t let anything happen to them.

Wonder Woman ripped the jungle gym from the ground, lifted it up and flew the children clear of the flames to safety. Then she flew back to the edge of the school and uprooted a nearby fire hydrant. She opened it up and used her tremendous strength to aim the water jet onto the flames, quickly putting them out.

With the children and the school safe, Wonder Woman felt relieved—but not completely. She warned Cameron, Christine and the other children, “While there is hatred in the world, Ares will never truly be defeated. It’s up to you to choose the right path.”

As Wonder Woman flew away from the school, she looked down and saw the children going back inside the school as one group, together.

THE END



GET DASH!
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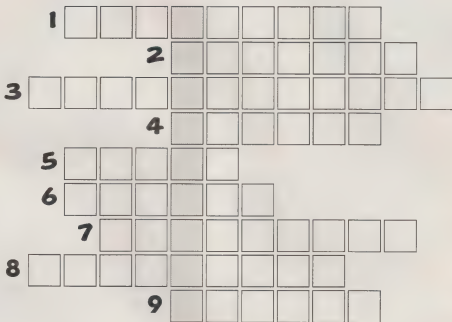
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BATMAN™ WORKBOOK

WHO'S HIDDEN?

Write the correct answers to the clues in the boxes. The letters in the shaded boxes will reveal the reason why Batman patrols the streets of Gotham City.



1. When something is beyond value.
2. The Prince of Puzzlers.
3. James Gordon is this.
4. A place for exhibitions.
5. Batman's trusted friend.
6. To take someone away by force.
7. This frightens birds away.
8. A powerful light.
9. A type of sculpture.



ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-7)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7

SAY CLAY!

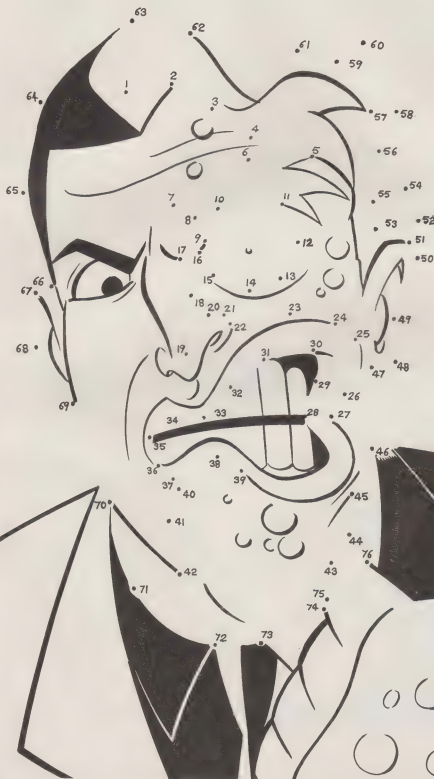
In *Stolen Identity*, Clayface had trouble getting out of Gotham City. See how much trouble this puzzle gives you! All the answers to the clues below rhyme with the word CLAY. See how many you can solve and write the answers in the spaces provided.

1. One of seven in a week : _____
2. To speak : _____
3. A route to a place : _____
4. Birds do this to eggs : _____
5. A beam of sunlight : _____
6. Dried grass : _____
7. The fifth month : _____
8. To hand over money : _____
9. To see how heavy something is : _____
10. A type of bird : _____
11. A type of curved coastline : _____

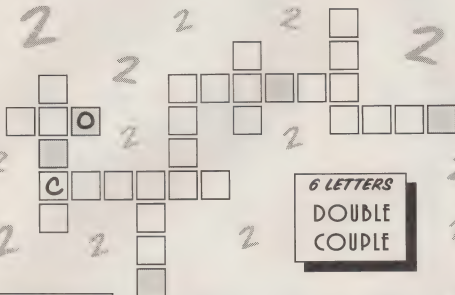


DOT TO DOT

Take a pencil and join the dots to complete this picture of Two-Face.



Two-Face is obsessed with the number **2**. All the words in this puzzle have something to do with the number **2**. See if you can fit them into the squares. When you have done that, unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to reveal someone's name.



6 LETTERS

DOUBLE COUPLE

4 LETTERS

TWIN
DUET
PAIR
DUAL

5 LETTERS

TWICE

3 LETTERS

TWO
DUO

FIND THE REAL WONDER WOMAN

1



2



All of these pictures of Wonder Woman have a double except one. Find all the pairs. The one left over is the **real** Wonder Woman!

3



4



5



6



7



8



9



10



11



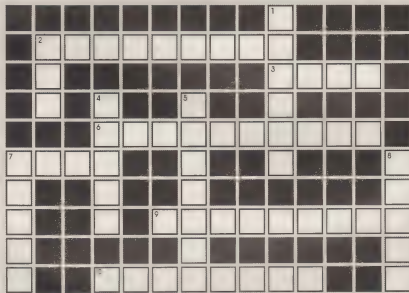
CROSSWORD

This crossword contains words which have something to do with the story, *Seeds of War*. Answer the clues correctly and fill in the grid.



ACROSS

2. Frame for climbing on.
3. God of War's name.
6. Yard for children to play in.
7. It's what makes things burn.
9. Something that can harm you is this.
10. Americans call this game soccer.



DOWN

1. Wonder Woman is this kind of princess.
2. A powerful stream of water. Also the name for a type of engine.
4. A kind of magic.
5. A pipe for putting out fires.
7. It's hot, bright and is produced by fire.
8. A long rope with a noose. Wonder Woman has a magic one.

ANSWERS

WHO'S HIDDEN?

- 1 PRICELESS
- 2 RIDDLER
- 3 COMMISSIONER
- 4 MUSEUM
- 5 ROBIN
- 6 KIDNAP
- 7 SCARECROW
- 8 SPOTLIGHT
- 9 STATUE

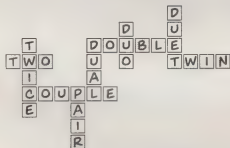
ALL MIXED UP

A	I	R	P	O	R	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

SAY CLAY!

1. *DAY*
2. *SAY*
3. *WAY*
4. *LAY*
5. *RAY*
6. *HAY*
7. *MAY*
8. *PAY*
9. *WEIGH*
10. *JAY*
11. *BAY*

FIT THEM IN



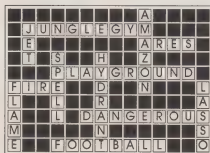
The hidden name is: ROBIN

FIND THE REAL WONDER WOMAN

1:7, 2:9, 3:11, 4:6, 5:10.

8 is the real Wonder Woman.

CROSSWORD





COLOURING





CLAYFACE

VILLAIN PROFILE

Other Identity:

Matt Hagen

Occupation:

Criminal

Known Relatives:

None

Base of Operations:

Gotham City

Height: Variable

Weight: Variable

Eyes: Yellow

Hair: None

Psychological profile:

An auto accident disfigured movie actor Matt Hagen's face and ended his career. He decided to use a risky, experimental face cream that enabled him to reshape his face and get back his good looks. But an overdose of the cream transformed him into the hideous monster known as Clayface. He is able to reshape his body at will to look like anyone or anything for a limited time before he reverts back to his clay form.

THE TERROR OF TWO-FACE



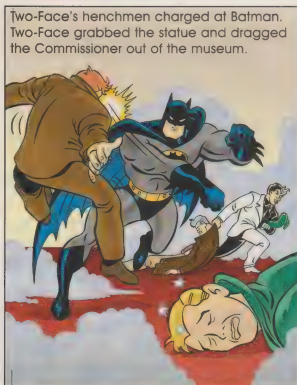
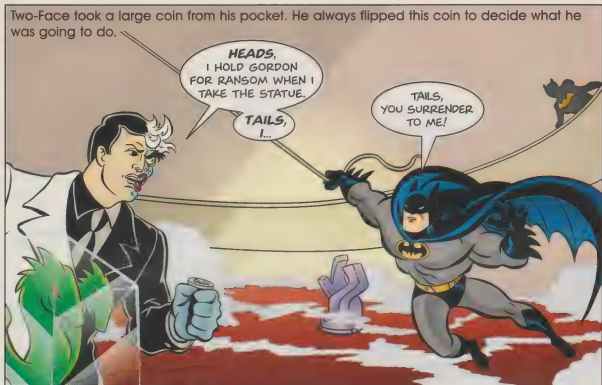
Meanwhile, Barbara Gordon was worried about her father, Police Commissioner Gordon. He was guarding the statue in the museum.



That night, in an abandoned theatre across town, Two-Face was not only plotting to steal the statue. He had another cruel plan on his mind.









Batgirl followed Two-Face. As he drove off, she leapt onto his van.



Batman tied up the thugs and left them for the police. He looked around. Two-Face, the Commissioner, the statue and Batgirl had vanished.

I MUST
FIND THEM-AND
FAST!



Two-Face drove back to the abandoned theatre. Through a window, Batgirl saw that Two-Face was throwing a party for Gotham City's most dangerous criminals. The Joker, Catwoman, the Riddler, the Penguin, Clayface and the Scarecrow were all there. Two-Face was bragging to them about his success.





Batgirl saw a spotlight on the roof of the theatre. It gave her an idea.





All the villains fled except for Two-Face. He threatened to smash the statue and drop the Commissioner into a snake pit if Batman and Batgirl didn't leave.



Batman leapt into action.



He tackled Two-Face. The statue flew into the air.

A second before it crashed to the ground...



...Batman rolled over and caught it.

Before Batman could stop him, Two-Face released the trapdoor.



In a flash, Batgirl was there, pulling her father to safety.

The Commissioner led Two-Face to the police wagon. Batman and Batgirl shook hands.



THE END

DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

SORRY WE CAN'T PUT ALL OF THE MAIL YOU SEND US ONTO THESE PAGES. BUT KEEP SENDING IT IN AND LETTING US KNOW ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE STORIES AND CHARACTERS, AND WE'LL KEEP PRINTING AS MANY OF YOUR LETTERS AS WE CAN IN EACH ISSUE.

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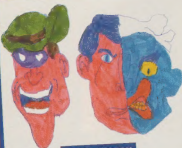
Dear I Love to Read
Batman,

I have liked Batman since I was two years old (I'm now seven). I am a real fan and I love your comic strip stories. I also love the quizzes and puzzles in the pull-out work book.

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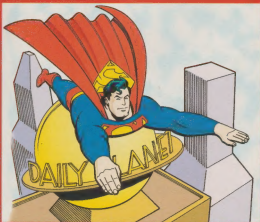
IN THE NEXT ISSUE...

Poison Ivy returns
in next month's
story, *Green
Vengeance*. In her
unique way, Ivy
comes to the
rescue of some
mutated plants. It's
an adventure that
leads Batman into
great danger.



Harley Quinn tries
to please the Joker
by planning to get
rid of Batman. The
Dark Knight has
several nasty
surprises when he
is led into the
Madhouse!

In the story, *The True Story of
Superman*, discover how Clark
Kent, the boy from Kansas,
became the world's greatest
Super Hero — Superman!



All this and more!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures of Batman chasing Two-Face?



Answers: 1. Two-Face's eyebrow, 2. Two-Face's thumb, 3. The buttons on Two-Face's right sleeve, 4. The rear left car window, 5. Batman's left hand little finger, 6. Batman's ear, 7. Batman's cape has more black on it, 8. The building behind Batman's head, 9. Batman's belt, and 10. The small window over Batman's shoulder.

